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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW'S VISIT TO KUALA LUMPUR

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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS TWO-DAY "UNOFFICIAL" WORKING VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW BEGAN AFTERNOON DEC 6 WITH WIDE RANGING TALKS BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTERS ON REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING CURRENT SITUATION IN THAILAND, OVER ROUND OF GOLF AT ROYAL SELANGOR GOLF CLUB. HOME MINISTER GHAZALI SHAFIE AND TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER DATUK HAMZAH ALSO WERE PRESENT. OTHER TOPICS REPORTEDLY TOUCHED ON WERE THE CARTER ELECTION, SINGAPORE-MALAYSIA TRADE RELATIONS AND VARIOUS AREAS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION. DATUK HUSSEIN ALSO BRIEFED HIS SINGAPORE COUNTERPART ON THE CURRENT INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION HERE. THE TWO LATER MET AGAIN IN EVENING AT A DINNER HOSTED BY DATUK HUSSEIN AT THE PM'S RESIDENCE.

2. FOREIGN MINISTERS RITHAUDDEEN AND RAJARATNAM AND SINGAPORE FINANCE MINISTER HON SUI SEN AND DATUK HAMZAH ALSO MET SEPARATELY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS IN THEIR AREAS OF EXPERTISE (HAMZAH SAT IN FOR FINANCE MINISTER TENGKU RAZALEIGH, WHO IS OFF ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO EUROPE). FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH RAJARATNAM, RITHAUDDEEN TOLD NEWSMEN TALKS HAD CENTERED ON ASEAN, PARTICULARLY ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN

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MEMBERS AND BETWEEN ASEAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE

INDOCHINA STATES. HE INDICATED BOTH MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE ALSO WANTED TO SEE THAT THE AGREED GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC PROJECTS IN ASEAN COUNTRIES WERE STRICTLY ADHERED TO. HE ALSO TOOK ISSUE WITH THAI PM KRAIVICHIE'S RECENT PROPOSAL (REFTEL) FOR SOME FORM OF DEFENSE COOPERATION AMONG ASEAN MEMBERS, CONTENDING, "ASEAN MUST CONFINE ITS ACTIVITIES TO ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION. THE BANGKOK DECLARATION MUST BE ADHERED TO." BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS ALSO STRESSED THE BASICALLY GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES.
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